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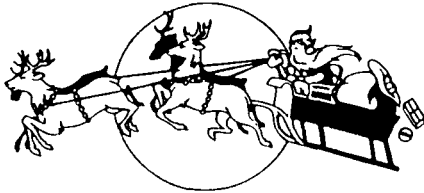
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This is Calpeek's 45th issue for 1996 — meaning it's our last newsletter of the year. We'll be off on X-Mas vacation for the next 3 weeks, but will be back at work on Dec. 30th, preparing our Jan. 6, 1997 (Vol. XIX #1) newsletter. So here's wishing all Calpeek readers a very joyous, happy and safe holiday season...



CALPEEK's 1996 REVIEW: WHO'S HOT, WHO'S NOT.

Editor's note: We'll end our year with one of your favorite columns --- *Who's Hot & Who's Not*. There is nothing objective about this column. Thanks to those unnamed sources who helped Calpeek with this list. Now sit back and enjoy, scream or weep...

- **Always a Star** - S.F. Mayor Willie Brown...
- **Twinkle Twinkle** - U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D). Question: will DiFi run for governor in '98???
- **No More Twinkle Twinkle** - Gov. Pete Wilson (R). His backing of 187/209 has turned him into *Governor Scrooge*...
- **Ambushed by Zonker** - CA AG Dan Lungren is the GOP's big hope for '98. He may have slipped on Prop. 215, but it was the right thing to do...
- **Waiting In the Wings** - Lt. Gov. Gray Davis (D). He's watching DiFi very closely...
- **Continuing Class Act** - L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan...
- **On the Rise** - CA Treasurer Matt Fong(R) and

U.S. Rep. Xavier Becerra(D), new chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus...

- **Termed Out Star** - Ex Assembly Demo Leader Richard Katz...
- **Short Term Star** - New Assembly Speaker Cruz Bustamante(D-Fresno). *Termed out in '98*...
- **In DiFi's Shadow** - U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer(D)...
- **Back In the Spotlight** - U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters (D), new chair of the Congressional Black Caucus...
- **Once Bright, but Fading** - Demo U.S. Reps. Howard Berman & Henry Waxman. No longer major players in L.A. or Calif. politics...
- **Wants to be a Star (Badly)** - San Diego Mayor Susan Golding(R), CA Sec. of State Bill Jones(R), CA Insurance Comm. Chuck Quackenbush(R), San Jose Mayor Susan Hammer(D), U.S. Rep. Chris Cox(R) and Assemblyman Brooks Firestone(R)...
- **Had Star Potential, but Blew It** - Former GOP Assembly Speaker Curt Pringle of Orange Co...
- **Best Potential for Stardom** - White House chief of staff Leon Panetta and State Sen. Jim Brulte(R)...
- **The Phoenix Award** - To Clinton/Gore '96 Calif. chair Tom Umberg(D). Down in '94 - back in '96...
- **Mr. Lucky** - L.A. Co. DA Gil Garcetti was almost OJed in '96, but survived a costly & close reelection...
- **Surprised to be a Star** - New U.S. Rep. Loretta Sanchez(D-Orange Co.)...

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- **Ready for Prime Time???** - CA Controller Kathleen Connell has big star potential, but needs more seasoning. Why rush -- like Kathleen Brown???
- **Toast** - L.A. Police Chief Willie Williams...
- **Beavis & Butt-head Award** - To the DNC for its sloppy (and perhaps illegal) fundraising activities in the '96 election cycle...
- **Most Controversial News Story of '96** - The San Jose Mercury's story about a reported link between the CIA, crack cocaine in South Central L.A. and the Contras...
- **Keep Your Eyes On** - New Assemblymembers Rod Pacheco(R-Riverside), Jack Scott(D-Pasadena) and Don Perata(D-Oakland); and Orange Co. DA Mike Capizzi(R)...
- **Folks Who Will be Missed** - Gov. Edmund G. "Pat" Brown, John Breen, Pauline Davis, D.A. "Del" Weber, M. Larry Lawrence, Otto M. Kaus, James Wood, Frank C. Newman, Ruben C. Batres, Benjamin Stansbury Jr., David Packard, Clare Berryhill, Fred Kimball Sr., Christine Reed, Barbara Caplan, Pat Bond, Henry Voss, Helen Albert, W. Donald Fletcher, Allen Broussard and Edward S. Gould. R.I.P. Stay tuned...

ELECTION ANALYSIS: TAKING A LOOK AT '98 AND BEYOND

Editor's note: As Calpeek noted before the election, there is a new electorate emerging in Calif. --- one that is more ethnically diverse. Here's our analysis...

...As of Nov. 25th, the total vote in CA was 9,763,771. That amounted to a 65.2% voter turnout. It's inching upward, but is still pitiful for a presidential election. And on Nov. 25th, Pres. Bill Clinton(D) finally surged over the 5 million mark in the popular vote. Clinton ended up with 51% vs. 38% for Bob Dole(R)...

...One of the reasons Clinton won big in Calif. was due to *new citizen voters*. Who are they? They are not just Hispanics, but come from all over the world. Calpeek sources think the number of new citizen voters will increase dramatically over the next 3 election cycles. In raw numbers: the estimate is from 300,000 to 400,000 new citizen voters in each election cycle from 1998 to 2002..

...Many of these new voters are *social conservatives* and are very pro-business (good news for the GOP), but they also depend on government services and are very big on education. So GOP *teacher bashing* and calls to abolish the Family Medical Leave law doesn't sit well with this group. And while Gov. Pete Wilson gained a tactical win in 1994 using 187, *long term* it has hurt the GOP with these new citizen voters...

...In other words, 187 was a strategic mistake because our sources say the Republicans are only getting about 28% of the new citizen voters. This trend is happening in Calif. and in other key battleground States as well. Some GOP sources don't buy this, but others are slowly admitting that the party has a major problem...

...What does all this mean in the long run? The GOP voter base is declining. As the WWII and Korean War-era GOP voter base shrinks, the GOP has to find a new pool of voters. The problem is two fold: moderate, suburban voters and the new citizen voters are turning their back on the GOP because of the hardline, social message being pumped by those in control of the party. Is there a solution for the GOP? The *big tent* concept still has potential, but it's not working right now. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '96: ELECTION RESULTS STILL NOT FINAL. BUSTAMANTE NEW ASSEMBLY SPEAKER.

Editor's note: CA Sec. of State Bill Jones(R) won't officially certify the Nov. 5th election until Dec. 14th. Nevertheless, here's an update of what's taken place over the past several weeks...

☒ **CA State Senate** - Millions ventured, nothing much gained by either side. Before the Nov. 5th election, Demos held a 22-16-2 advantage. After the election it's 23-16-1. As Calpeek reported prior to Thanksgiving, GOP Assemblyman Bruce McPherson won the 15th SD by defeating Rusty Areias(D). Now the final tally is in on the 7th SD, with GOP Assemblyman Richard Rainey defeating Demo County Sup. Jeff Smith by a margin of 659 votes. So Demos Adam Schiff and Betty Karnette took two seats previously held by Republicans, while McPherson and Rainey took two seats previously held by Demos...

☒ **CA State Assembly** - Fresno Demo Cruz Bustamante is the new Speaker of the Assembly. No sur-

prise. He was elected on a straight partyline vote: **43-37**. Before the election the lineup was 41 Republicans and 38 Demos, with 1 Reform Party member (Cortese). Still somewhat up in the air are 2 seats where *recounts* are now underway: **26th AD** Dennis Cardoza(D) holds an 89-vote lead over Tom Berryhill(R)); and **69th AD**, where incumbent Jim Morrissey(R) holds a 93-vote margin over Demo challenger Lou Correa. FYI: the battle in the **43rd AD** ended up with Scott Wildman(D) holding a 192-vote lead over John Geranios(R)...

...The Demos didn't waste any time taking power and adopted a new set of rules to govern the 1997-98 session. Under these rules, pushed through by Assemblywoman Martha Escutia, Bustamante on paper may have more power than even ex Speaker Willie Brown. Part of the new rules allowed Bustamante to *appoint* Sheila Kuehl as Speaker Pro Tem - instead of having a floor vote. Why the change? Our sources say Kuehl didn't have all the Demo votes necessary. So she'll serve at Bustamante's pleasure, which means she's on a short leash. What's the big deal about Kuehl? Not only is she the *first woman* to hold the Speaker Pro Tem job, but in case you've forgotten, she's a *lesbian*...

☒ **U.S. House** - The only contest not officially in the record books is the 46th CD --- Bob Dornan(R) vs. U.S. Rep.-elect Loretta Sanchez(D). Dornan has requested a recount. Sources don't think this will change the final results. Before the election, the CA House delegation was evenly split: **26-26**. Now it's **29(D) vs. 23(R)**. Stay tuned...

LAW FIRM SETS SERIES OF PROP. 208 SEMINARS.

The Bay area/Sacto-based law firm of Nielsen, Merksamer et al will conduct a series of seminars on Prop. 208, CA's new campaign law which goes into effect Jan. 1, 1997. The seminars will be held on Dec. 17 in San Diego; on Dec. 18 in L.A. & Sacto; and on Dec. 19 in the Silicon Valley & S.F. Cost is \$95. For more info & RSVPs, ☎ Jim Sutton at (415)389-6800...

CALPEEK MAKES A TERRIFIC GIFT FOR X-MAS

Several subscribers already give a **Calpeek** subscription as a Christmas or holiday gift to close friends and associates. If you want to give **Calpeek** as a holiday gift, please call us at (310)659-0205. We'll even send an X-Mas card announcing your gift...

CAMPAIGN '97: A BRIEF LOOK AT THE L.A. MUNI ELECTION AND THE BATTLE FOR MAYOR OF L.A.

Editor's note: The '96 election cycle is over and it's time for Campaign '97 and the L.A. City Election. Here's our brief update & analysis...

...The April 8th election could turn out to be one of the liveliest L.A. Muni elections in a long time, with lots of name calling & mud slinging --- just the sort of stuff to perhaps really interest the L.A. news media, especially local tv news, which was asleep during much of Campaign '96. Not only will incumbent Mayor Richard Riordan face voters once again, but so will City Attorney Jim Hahn, City Controller Rick Tuttle and 7 of 8 councilmembers in the **odd numbered** districts. Veteran Councilman Marvin Braude, with 31 years on the council, is retiring...

...Riordan doesn't appear to be in any difficulty and the only names to surface as opponents are L.A. Councilman Nate Holden and perhaps Demo State Sen. Tom Hayden. A more interesting battle is taking shape in the city attorney's race, where incumbent Jim Hahn will face Riordan ally Ted Stein. This one could get real nasty and brutal...

...In addition to the above players, it's likely there will be a set of *competing ballot measures* dealing with **Charter Reform** - one put on the ballot via the initiative by Mayor Riordan vs. one put on the ballot by the City Council. Reforming L.A.'s 1925 charter is the city's answer to calls from some S.F. Valley residents who want to form their own city via secession. FYI: Assemblyman Tom McClintock(R-Northridge) has reintroduced the Boland Bill (to make it easier for the valley to secede) in the form of AB 62. Boland's bill was killed at the end of this legislative session. Right now there's more interest in noisy leaf blowers than charter reform, but that will change soon...

...A sexier, more controversial issue, which may be injected into this '97 election, will be the future of L.A. Police Chief Willie Williams. Virtually every source **Calpeek** contacted for this analysis think Williams is *political toast*. The only question is whether he's going to fight to keep his job. He has until Jan. 7th to let the L.A. Police Commission know whether he wants his contract renewed for another 5 years. The key complaint about Williams has been his inability to quickly

institute reforms for the department recommended by the old Christopher Commission. Bottomline: Mayor Riordan wants a new chief (either Dep. Chiefs Bernie Parks or Mark Kroeker - our sources say). The best solution for all concerned: a golden parachute deal (aka a buyout) for Williams. FYI: If Williams fights for another 5 years, he'll need 10 votes on the city council -- and our sources say he doesn't have them...

...Bubbling just under the radar scope, with the potential to get really hot, are plans to build a ***new sports arena*** next to the L.A. Convention Center - perhaps using taxpayer money. L.A. City interests want to lure the *Kings & Lakers* to a new downtown sports complex, but the City of Inglewood is fighting back. **Cal-peek** sources think there might be a June 3rd initiative calling for a vote anytime city taxpayer dollars are used to build a sports facility. More next year. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK'S INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

■ ***Full Metal Jacket*** - As reported previously, the City of West Hollywood won Round I in its battle with the gun lobby over the city's new law restricting the sale of Saturday Night Special (cheap) handguns. What's the legal cost for this city of 39,000? \$84,000 in attorney fees --- so far...

■ ***What's With Gov. Moonbean??*** - Is former CA Gov. Jerry Brown(D) perhaps thinking about running for mayor of Oakland in 1998? According to a story in the Nov. 21st edition of the Oakland Tribune, Brown says although it's still a little early, he hasn't ruled out a return to elective politics. Brown has been an Oakland resident for 3 years. Run Jerry run...

■ ***Replacing Bergeson*** - With Orange Co. Sup. Marian Bergeson leaving the Board for a top education job in the Wilson Admin. in Sacto, the governor has named Laguna Niguel Councilman Tom Wilson as her replacement...

■ ***Taking 215 Nationwide*** - While federal and Calif. law enforcement officials are circling the wagons, **Cal-peek** sources think backers of 215 (MD use of marijuana) are laying the groundwork to take 215 nation-

wide. There's now a toll-free ☎ number and a new brochure called *Prop. 215 and You - A Guide for Medical Marijuana Patients & Others*. To answer questions about your rights under 215, one can call Americans for Medical Rights (notice how the name has been changed from *Californians* to *Americans*) 1-888-YES-4-215...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● Longtime Wilson legislative secretary and deputy COS Kevin Sloat has opened his own lobbying firm, Kevin Sloat & Associates. He'll share office space and will work with the Sacto office of Burson-Marsteller (1121 "L" St., Ste. 310, Sacto, CA 95814)...

● Media consultant Don Ringe has moved back to Calif. New address: 22664 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA 90265. ☎(310)456-1949...

● L.A.-based Cerrell Associates wins 2 local PRSA "PRISMS Awards" (American Automobile Mfgs. Assn. and the Western Diocese of the Armenian Church); plus an honorable mention for work on behalf of the AIDS Healthcare Foundation...

● The Calif. Small Business Assn. has named CA State Senators Steve Peace(D-Chula Vista) and Jim Brulte(R-Rancho Cucamonga) as '96 Legislators of the Year...

● Brian Rix has started his own fundraising consulting business - Brian Rix & Associates, 277 S. Irving Blvd., L.A. 90004. ☎ (213)934-8014...

● Bill Walker is leaving as communications director for the CA League of Conservation Voters to open the West Coast office of the Environmental Working Group(EWG) at Presidio Building 1016, S.F., CA 94129. New ☎ (415)561-6598. EWG is a DC-based advocacy group specializing in computer-assisted research into environmental issues...

